

Remarks/Arguments:

With this amendment, claims 1-10, 33, 34, 40-51 and 69 are pending in the application, claims 23-32, 64-68 and 70-73 having been canceled. Claims 33, 34 and 51 have been amended. Claims 1-10, 40-50 and 69 are allowed.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1-10, 40-50 and 69.

With regard to the objection to the specification and the rejection of claims 23-32, 64-68 and 70-73 based on 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, Applicant has canceled claims 23-32, 64-68 and 70-73. Therefore, the rejection of these claims is moot and the basis for the objection to the specification is no longer at issue.

Claim 34 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Japanese reference, JP 63-277058 ("JP '058"). Claim 33 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,265,675 ("Tsao"). Claim 51 is objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75 as duplicative of claim 45. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 33, 34 and 51, as amended, are patentable over the art of record for at least the reasons set forth below.

RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS UNDER § 102

Claims 33 and 34 have been amended to include the limitations of now-canceled claim 29, which as suggested previously by the Examiner, would render the claims allowable. Therefore, Applicant asserts that claims 33 and 34, as amended, overcome the rejections of claims 33 and 34 and that these claims are in condition for allowance.

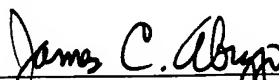
RESPONSE TO DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Claim 51 stands rejected as substantially duplicative of claim 45. Applicant has amended claim 51 to include the limitations of intervening claim 46, which as previously suggested by the Examiner, would render the claim allowable. Therefore, Applicant asserts that claim 51, as amended, is no longer duplicative of claim 45 because it includes an additional limitation. Consequently, amended claim 51 overcomes the double patenting rejection and is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections should all be withdrawn and all of pending claims 1-10, 33, 34, 40-51 and 69 should be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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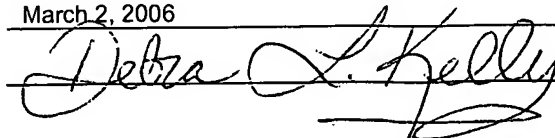
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